



# Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report

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## Working Gas in Underground Storage Data Released September 14, 2006 at 10:30 A.M., For the Week Ending September 8, 2006

Region	Stocks (Bcf) for September 8, 2006	Stocks (Bcf) for September 1, 2006	Implied Net Change (Bcf)	Year Ago Stocks (Bcf)
East	1,781	1,716	65	1,593
West	417	407	10	389
Producing	886	853	33	764
<b>Total Lower 48</b>	<b>3,084</b>	<b>2,976</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>2,745</b>

Region	5-Year (2001-2005) Average Stocks (Bcf)	Difference from 5-Year Average (Percent)
East	1,593	11.8
West	368	13.3
Producing	781	13.4
<b>Total Lower 48</b>	<b>2,743</b>	<b>12.4</b>

### Notes and Definitions

**Note:** This report tracks U.S. natural gas inventories held in underground storage facilities. The weekly stocks generally are the volumes of working gas as of the report date. Changes in reported stock levels reflect all events affecting working gas in storage, including injections, withdrawals, and reclassifications between base and working gas.

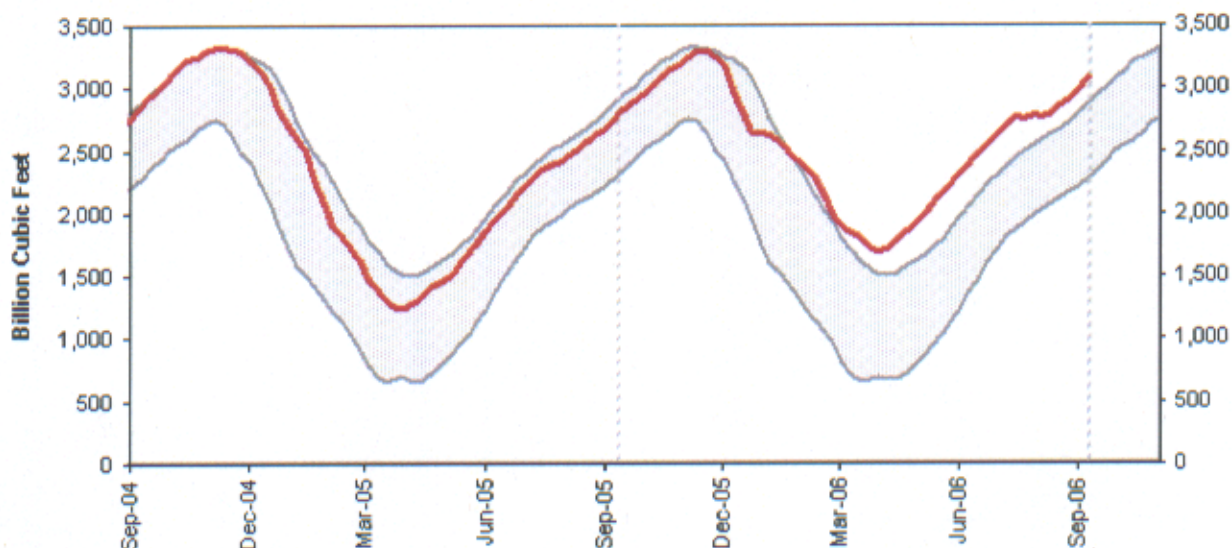
**Note:** The weekly storage estimates are based on a survey sample that does not include all companies that operate underground storage facilities. The sample was selected from the list of storage operators to achieve a target standard error of the estimate of working gas in storage which was no greater than 5 percent for each region. Based on a comparison of weekly estimates and monthly data from May 2002 through June 2006 estimated total working gas stocks have exhibited an average absolute error of 19 billion cubic feet, or 0.8 percent. For an expanded discussion of the relationship between the current and prior estimates, please see [Differences Between Monthly and Weekly Working Gas in Storage](#).

### Storage Highlights:

Working gas in storage was 3,084 Bcf as of Friday, September 8, 2006, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 108 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 339 Bc higher than last year at this time and 341 Bcf above the 5-year average of 2,743 Bcf. In the East

Region, stocks were 188 Bcf above the 5-year average following net injections of 65 Bcf. Stocks in the Producing Region were 105 Bcf above the 5-year average of 781 Bcf after a net injection of 33 Bcf. Stocks in the West Region were 49 Bcf above the 5-year average after a net addition of 10 Bcf. At 3,084 Bcf, total working gas is above the 5-year historical range.



**Working Gas in Underground Storage Compared with 5-Year Range**

Notes: A weekly record for March 8, 2002, was linearly interpolated between the derived weekly estimates that end March 1 and the initial estimate from the EIA-912 on March 15. The shaded area indicates the range between the historical minimum and maximum values for the weekly series from 2000 through 2004.

Source: Form EIA-912, "Weekly Underground Natural Gas Storage Report." The dashed vertical lines indicate current and year-ago weekly periods.

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